Terrorism in North-East

1550. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details, of International efforts made To curb terrorism in the North-East indicating co-coperation received from neighbours; and

(b) the outcome of dialogue with various extremist outfits of NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government of India has been regularly taking up security-related issues with neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh and Myanmar at different levels through diplomatic channels and institutfonal mechanisms existing between these countries. The subject has been addressed at various levels through the institutinoal f ramewark of biltateral dialogue mechanisms such as the Joint Working Group, Home Secretary-level talks, Foreign Secretary-level talks and BSF/BDR Director General-level talks between these countries. The Bangladesh Government as well as the Myanmar Government have assured that they will not allow undesirable elements to use their territories for activities prejudicial to the security interests of India.

(b) With the cessation of hostilities between militant groups and security forces, the level of violence has come down substantially. The Peace Talks have helped both sides in understanding and appreciating each other's point of view.

Gujarat Riots

1551. SHRI LALU PRASAD:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHRC's final report on Gujarat violence and National Minority Commission has indicted the State Government for its failure to protect the people of Gujarat as reported in The Times of India dated 1st June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the State Government on the basis of NHRC's final report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that such violence does not recur in any part of the country in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in its final report, has observed that there was a failure on the part of the State Government to control the situation. The State Government has, however, not agreed with the above observation and has stated that effective steps were taken to bring the situation under control. The National Minorities Commission has only suggested various steps that should be taken by the Government of Gujarat to provide relief to those affected by the communal riots.

(d) It is the primary responsibility of the State Government to maintain public order and peace.The Government of India shares intelligence and sends advisories/alert messages to the States/UTs from time to time and also makes available Central Para Military Forces to them on specific request. A special force called the Rapid Action Force is deployed to deal exclusively with the communal tensions. Assistance is also provided to the State Governments for modernization of their policing infrastructure.

Under utilisation of funds

1552. SHRI YADLAPATIVENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for modernising of police force remained under utilised in many States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to persuade the States to take the matter more seriously in view of threat perception from terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, In many States funds allocated for modernizing police forces remained under-utilized. Against the release of Central financial assistance of Rs. 1000 crore in the year 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 572.3094 crores has been spent as per the information received from the States. Against the release of Central financial assistance of Rs. 1000 crores during the year 2001 -2002, the States have reported utilization of Rs. 212.837 crore. A statement showing the details is enclosed *(See* below).